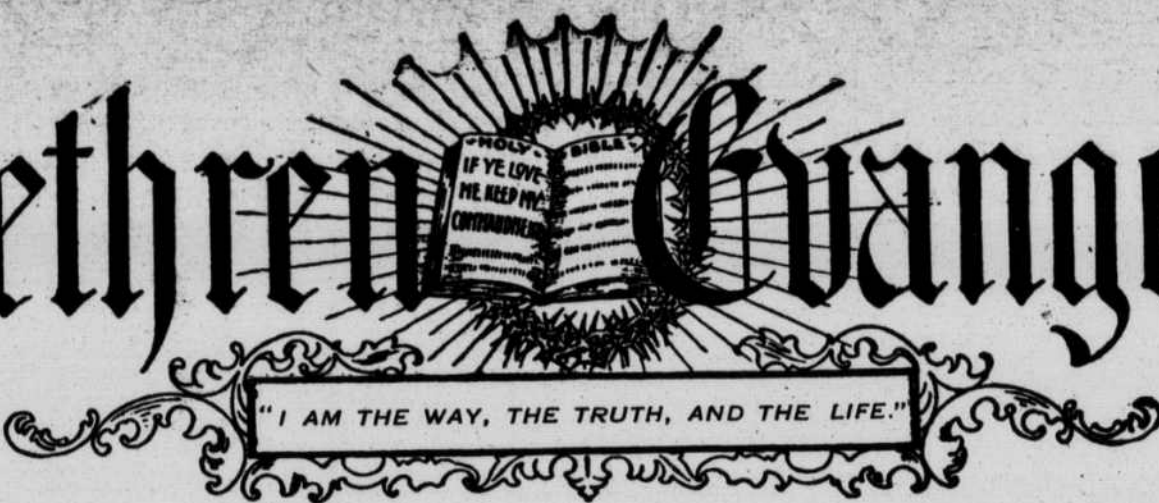


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Editorial.

PART of our editorial space is given this week to other matter.

THE program for the National Conference will be published soon.

CAN you not afford to secure us one subscriber for the five books advertised on page 16? It will certainly pay you to make the effort.

THE paper will be sent from now to the end of the year for fifty cents. For \$2.50 we will send you an excellent Bible and the paper the balance of the year 1897. This is a very liberal offer.

AT the time when this paper will be mailed all orders for Sunday-school literature will have been filled. Orders are coming in nicely and we promise our patrons to give them prompt attention.

IF there is any one thing in which the Brethren church is lacking it is in systematic work. We have not yet reduced our efforts to a system, and this is what we need in order to make our efforts count for something.

BROTHER J. C. Mackey reports four accessions in his charge, three at Salisbury and one at Meyersdale. Three more to be received this Sabbath by relation from the German Baptists, beside a number of applicants. He begins meeting in Salisbury Monday, June 21.

WITHIN the last three weeks we had the pleasure of being present at three different State Conferences and take part in their deliberations. The proceedings of the Pennsylvania conference appear in this issue. The report is the most complete it has ever been our privilege to publish. Brother Parsons, the secretary, has noted all the particulars of the meeting and his report gives the work in detail.

IN a private letter Brother Yoder says: "I eagerly look for the EVANGELIST, just as I look for a letter from home for I am eager to know how everything is prospering." Brother Yoder's whole heart is in the work and such are always glad to learn of the prosperity in Zion.

THE paper for the next few weeks will contain an unusually large amount of conference matter. It is to be hoped that the whole brotherhood will feel an interest in the work of these district conferences as well as the people of the district in which they are held.

THE Brethren Publication Board will have a full line of its own publications for sale at the coming conference, and not its own publications only, but many others, including a number of entirely new works and others such as our people are most likely to need and may wish to purchase.

SOME very important matter is crowded out of this week's paper by the Pennsylvania conference proceedings. Had we received the copy earlier both the "Home Department" and the "Christian Life Department" could have been left out to make room for original matter, but both were "set up" before the other copy was received. Our readers will please remember that as soon as one paper is out we must begin work on the next, for there is much other work to be done besides printing the EVANGELIST. Have a little patience, brethren, all will come right. Your communication has not necessarily been rejected because it does not appear in this issue. Look for it next week.

BEAUTIFUL BOOK.

THE B. & O. R. R. has just issued a very handsome little pamphlet, describing Deer Park, illustrated with a number of very fine engravings. Copy can be had by sending two cent stamp to D. C. Jones, Manager, B. & O. Central Building, Baltimore, Md.

WE thank God and rejoice that at the three late conferences not a sentence was uttered in public discussion that caused "hard feelings" or created profitless discussion. The presence of God's Spirit seasons our words with sweet charity, and when accidentally unkind words are uttered, the grace of God in the heart enables us to bear them in the spirit of the Master.

WE are in receipt of a lengthy communication from Sister Grossnickle, addressed to the S. S. C. E. It will appear in next week's paper. It announces that the sisters will have a sales' table at the National Conference and urges upon all societies to prepare something for the table. The sisters will please make a note of this. Johnstown will prove a good point for the sisters in this line of work, and it is to be hoped they will take advantage of it.

A LESSON which the whole Brethren church needs to learn is that of giving. Some of our people are poor, it is true, but there are thousands of dollars lying idle in the church which could be used to the honor and glory of God's name if it were properly applied. Another lesson the church needs to learn is how to use the money we do get. How to give and how to use are two very important questions for the consideration of the church and each individual member.

IN reply to our request for the names of those who are not subscribers of the EVANGELIST, Brother Shively of California, writes: "So far as I know I think that all our people whom I have the honor of serving as pastor, are already readers of the EVANGELIST. I have advertised it publicly and privately again and again, so that our subscription list now practically includes every family in the church. I have always tried hard to do my whole duty by our publications, and the doing so is a pleasure to me. Wishing you every blessing upon yourself, your family and your work, I am yours for Christ." This letter has the true ring. It is more